

**DECLARATION AND PETITION**

As a below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention NOISE REDUCTION FOR SPECTROSCOPIC SIGNAL PROCESSING, the specification of which was filed on January 27, 2004 and assigned application serial no. 10/766,599.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application of which priority is claimed.

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

Number	Country	Filing Date	Priority Claimed?
NONE			

PRIOR UNITED STATES PROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Status
60/443,086	January 28, 2003	Provisional
60/445,671	February 7, 2003	Provisional

PRIOR UNITED STATES APPLICATION(S)

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fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Wherefore we pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and we hereby subscribe our names to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, and this petition.

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Application Number	10/766,599
Filing Date	January 27, 2004
First Named Inventor	TAYLOR, Howard S. et al.
Title	NNOISE REDUCTION FOR SPECTROSCOPIC SIGNAL PROCESSING
Group Art Unit	Not known
Examiner Name	Not known
Attorney Docket Number	28080-119

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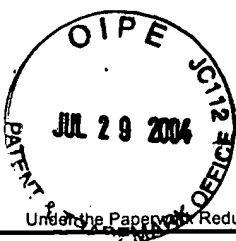
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July 7, 2004
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ASSIGNMENT

(Joint Inventors)

WHEREAS, we, Howard S. Taylor and Sharif Kunikeev, ("ASSIGNORS") have invented "NOISE REDUCTION FOR SPECTROSCOPIC SIGNAL PROCESSING" ("Invention") for which an application for patent ("Application") was filed in the United States Patent Office on January 27, 2004 and assigned Application Serial Number 10/766,599, and which claims priority to United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/443,086, filed on January 28, 2003, entitled "Producing Windowed Noise Reduced Signals for Fourier and High Resolution Signal Processing for Spectroscopies such as NMR, ICR, etc.," and U.S. provisional application, Serial No. 445,671, filed on February 7, 2003, entitled "Producing Windowed Noise Reduced Signals for Fourier and High Resolution Signal Processing for Spectroscopies such as NMR, ICR, etc."

WHEREAS, we are the joint inventors of the Invention;

WHEREAS, the University of Southern California, (ASSIGNEE) is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of California having a place of business at 3716 South Hope Street, Suite 313, Los Angeles, CA 90007-4344;

WHEREAS, ASSIGNEE desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the Invention and Application and to all patents based on the Application;

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, the receipt and legal sufficiency of which ASSIGNORS acknowledge, ASSIGNORS have and hereby do assign and transfer to ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to:

1. The Invention;
2. The Application;
3. All applications based on or claiming priority from the Application, including all divisionals and continuations ("Application Family");
4. All patents which may be granted on the Invention, Application and Application Family by the United States of America, its territories and possessions, and by all foreign countries, including all priority rights and all reissues thereof ("Patents"); and
5. The right to sue for past infringement of the Invention, Application, Application Family and Patents.

ASSIGNORS agree, at the request of ASSIGNEE, to sign any and all papers reasonably needed to file and prosecute the Application and Application Family, to obtain the Patents, and to perfect and vest in ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in the Invention, Application, Application Family and Patents. ASSIGNORS also agree to provide assistance that is reasonably needed to prepare and prosecute the Application and Application Family.

ASSIGNORS authorize and empower ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, to apply for and obtain, in its own name, the Application, Application Family and Patents before competent International Authorities, including the World Intellectual Property Organization and

in any and all foreign countries in which applications for patents can be made or patents obtained.

Dated: 7-06-04, 2004

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On 07/06/2004, 2004 before Ellen Foon personally appeared Howard S. Taylor, ☐ personally known to me or ☒ proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

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